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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 16, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: